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SUBJECT: INSERT FOR SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH NIGERIAN
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER GARBA

ISSUE: SOUTH LEBANON

US OBJECTIVE - TO PERSUADE GARBA THAT NIGERIA SHOULD
MAKE DEMARCHES TO PLO AND ARAB STATES TO ENSURE
PALESTINIAN COOPERATION WITH UNIFIL.

NIGERIAN OBJECTIVE - AS A MAJOR TROOP CONTRIBUTOR, TO
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ASSURE SUCCESS OF UNIFIL.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS - THE NIGERIANS ARE WELL-PLACED TO
URGE THE PLO TO ACT WITH RESTRAINT IN SOUTH LEBANON
AND TO URGE THE ARAB STATES TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO
DO LIKEWISE.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- YOUR POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TROOPS FOR UNIFIL IS A CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION OF NIGERIA'S LEADERSHIP ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

-- PALESTINIAN ATTACKS ON UNIFIL COULD UNDERMINE THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RETURN PEACE AND SECURITY TO SOUTHERN LEBANON. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF NIGERIA WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE PLO TO SECURE ARAFAT'S UNEQUIVOCAL COOPERATION WITH THE UN IN DISCHARGING ITS MANDATE. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF NIGERIA WOULD ASK ARAB STATES TO URGE ARAFAT TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL. CHRISTOPHER

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